

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A printing device which is connected to a communication line, and which ~~that~~ pulls print data to be printed by requesting, to a print data supply device, and obtaining the print data, said printing device comprising:

a print start instruction receiving unit operable to receive, from a printing instruction device, first location information indicating a storage location of printing instruction information and that printing of the print data should be started, the printing instruction information indicating, to the printing device, details of a printing instruction ~~to the printing device,~~ the location information being received as an instruction indicating that printing of the print data should be started;

a printing instruction information request unit operable to request, from the printing instruction device, transmission of the printing instruction information indicated by the first location information received by said print start instruction receiving unit;

a printing instruction information receiving unit operable to receive the printing instruction information requested by said printing instruction information request unit;

a print data request unit operable to request, from the print data supply device, transmission of the print data to said printing device, based on the printing instruction information;

a print data receiving unit operable to receive the print data requested by said print data request unit; and

a printing unit operable to print the received print data according to the received printing instruction information.

2. (Currently Amended) The printing device according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein:
the printing instruction information includes second location information ~~indicating that~~ indicates a storage location of the print data, and
said print data request unit is operable to request, from the print data supply device, the transmission of the print data to said printing device, based on the second location information

included in the printing instruction information.

3. (Currently Amended) The printing device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ 2, wherein:
the printing instruction information includes print type specification information that
indicates ~~indicating~~ a print type of the print data, and
said printing unit is operable to print the print data based on the print type specification
information included in the printing instruction information.

4. (Currently Amended) The printing device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ 3, wherein
said printing instruction information request unit is operable to request, from the printing
instruction device, ~~the transmission of the printing instruction information to said printing~~
device, when said printing device is ready to execute the printing instruction information, ~~when~~
~~printing based on the printing instruction information becomes ready for execution.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The printing device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ 4, wherein
~~a~~ the printing instruction device in which the printing instruction information is stored is
different from ~~a~~ the print data supply device in which the print data is stored, and
said printing instruction information request unit is operable to identify the printing
instruction device in which the printing instruction information is stored, based on the first
location information received by said print start instruction receiving unit, and to request, from
the identified printing instruction device, ~~for the transmission of the printing instruction~~
information to said printing device.

6. (Currently Amended) The printing device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ 5, wherein
said print data request unit is operable to identify the print data supply device in which
the print data is stored, based on the second location information included in the printing
instruction information, and to request, from the print data supply device, ~~the identified device~~
~~for the transmission of the print data to said printing device.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The printing device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ 6, wherein

said print data request unit is operable to request, from the print data supply device, the transmission of the print data over ~~a~~ the communication line.

8. (Currently Amended) A printing instruction device that ~~gives~~transmits, to a printing device connected to said printing instruction device, a printing instruction to print print data, said printing instruction device comprising:

a printing instruction input unit operable to accept an instruction, inputted from a user, indicating that the print data should be printed;

a printing instruction information generation unit operable to generate printing instruction information when the instruction indicating that the print data should be printed is accepted, the printing instruction information indicating, to the printing device, details of ~~the a~~ a printing instruction ~~to the printing device~~;

a printing instruction information storage unit operable to hold the ~~generated~~ printing instruction information generated by the printing instruction information generation unit;

a location information generation unit operable to generate first location information indicating a storage location of the printing instruction information and that printing of the print data should be started;

a location information transmission unit operable to transmit the ~~generated~~ first location information to the printing device;

a transmission request receiving unit operable to receive, from the printing device, a request for transmission of the printing instruction information indicated by the first location information; and

a printing instruction information transmission unit operable to transmit, to the printing device, the ~~stored~~ printing instruction information stored by the printing instruction information storage unit, ~~to the printing device~~, in response to the request for transmission.

9. (Currently Amended) The printing instruction device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ claim 8, wherein said printing instruction information generation unit further comprises:~~includes~~ a print data location information obtainment unit operable to obtain second location

information indicating a storage location of the print data, ~~and~~wherein

said printing instruction information generation unit is operable to generate the printing instruction information that includes the ~~obtained-second~~ location information obtained from said print data location information obtainment unit, when the instruction indicating that the print data should be printed is accepted.

10. (Currently Amended) The printing instruction device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ claim 9, wherein said print data location information obtainment unit is operable to receive the second location information of the print data from an external device.

11. (Currently Amended) The printing instruction device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ claim 10, wherein said printing instruction input unit ~~includes~~further comprises:
a print type specification input unit operable to accept ~~an~~a specification, inputted from the user, indicating a print type of the print data; and
said printing instruction information generation unit ~~includes~~ further comprises:
a print type specification information generation unit operable to generate print type specification information for specifying the print type, when the specification indicating the print type is accepted, ~~and~~
wherein, said printing instruction information generation unit is operable to generate the printing instruction information that includes the ~~generated~~-print type specification information generated by said print type specification generation unit, when the instruction indicating that the print data should be printed is accepted.

12. (Currently Amended) The printing instruction device according to ~~Claim-claim~~ claim 11, wherein said printing instruction input unit further ~~includes~~comprises:
a printing instruction change unit operable to make a change in the ~~already-generated~~ printing instruction information that includes the print type specification information, based on an instruction inputted, to said printing instruction input unit, from the user ~~to said printing instruction input unit~~, and

wherein said printing instruction change unit is operable to make a change in the ~~already-generated~~ printing instruction information stored in said printing instruction information storage unit, ~~in the case where~~when the ~~already-generated~~ printing instruction information has not yet been transmitted to the printing device.

13. (Currently Amended) The printing instruction device according to ~~Claim~~claim 12, wherein said printing instruction change unit is operable to make a change in the print type specification information included in the printing instruction information stored in said printing instruction information storage unit.

14. (Currently Amended) The printing instruction device according to ~~Claim~~claim 13, wherein said printing instruction information transmission unit is operable to transmit the printing instruction information after the change in the print type specification information is completed, ~~in the case of receiving~~when the request for transmission of the printing instruction information is received, by the printing instruction transmission unit, before the change in the print type specification information is completed.

15. (Currently Amended) A print system comprising a printing device and a printing instruction device, wherein said printing instruction device comprises:

a printing instruction input unit operable to accept an instruction, inputted from a user, indicating that print data should be printed;

a printing instruction information generation unit operable to generate printing instruction information when the instruction indicating that the print data should be printed is accepted, the printing instruction information indicating, to the printing device, details of a printing instruction-~~to said printing device;~~

a printing instruction information storage unit operable to hold the ~~generated~~ printing instruction information generated by the printing instruction information generation unit;

a location information generation unit operable to generate first location information indicating a storage location of the printing instruction information and that printing of the print

data should be started;

a location information transmission unit operable to transmit the ~~generated~~first location information generated by the location information generation unit to said printing device;

a transmission request receiving unit operable to receive, from said printing device, a request for transmission of the printing instruction information indicated by the first location information; and

a printing instruction information transmission unit operable to transmit, to said printing device, the ~~stored~~printing instruction information stored in a location indicated by the first location information, ~~to said printing device~~, in response to the request for transmission, and wherein said printing device comprises:

a print start instruction receiving unit operable to receive, from the printing instruction device, ~~the first~~ location information indicating the storage location of the printing instruction information and that printing of the print data, ~~the location information being received as an instruction indicating that printing of the print data should be started;~~

a printing instruction information request unit operable to request, from the printing instruction device, transmission of the printing instruction information indicated by the first location information received by said print start instruction receiving unit;

a printing instruction information receiving unit operable to receive the printing instruction information requested by said printing instruction information request unit;

a print data request unit operable to request, from a print data supply device, transmission of the print data to said printing device, based on the printing instruction information;

a print data receiving unit operable to receive the print data requested by said print data request unit; and

a printing unit operable to print the received print data according to the ~~received~~ printing instruction information received by the print data receiving unit.

Claims 16-24 (Cancelled)